

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

NO.

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

I am vetoing and filing with the Secretary of State Senate Bill No. 195, passed at the recently adjourned Regular Session of the Forty-Eighth Legislature.

It appears to me that the provisions of Senate Bill No. 195 would establish an unsound public policy. If it were limited to the duration of the present war, it might be tolerable as a stimulation to patriotic endeavor. The bill, as written, however, would establish a permanent policy unless it was repealed by some subsequent legislature. The bill authorizes any District Attorney who "is absent from such district by reason of being a member of the armed forces of the United States of America," to appoint one assistant who shall be authorized to perform the duties of such District Attorney. The bill requires such District Attorney to pay the salary of such Assistant but there is no requirement as to the amount or per centage of salary which is to be paid. In my opinion this bill authorizes a public office to be "farmed out" under whatever arrangement the District Attorney may make with the Assistant to be appointed.

I have already approved House Bill No. 717, which makes provision for public officers who perform military services to waive their pay in favor of the person filling the office during the absence of the office holder in such military service.

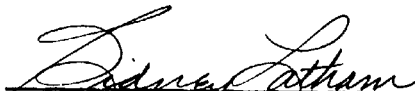
In my opinion, House Bill No. 717 affords sufficient protection to both the holder of the public office and to the public which is served by such office. Senate Bill No. 195 appears to have been written solely from the standpoint of the office holder and without proper consideration for the public service.

Senate Bill No. 195 reached my desk less than ten days before the end of the Regular Session of the Forty-Eighth Legislature. In accordance with the Constitution, it is being filed with the Secretary of State together with this proclamation containing my objections to the bill.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF I have
hereunto signed my name officially
and caused the Seal of State to be
affixed hereto at Austin, this the
27th day of May, A. D., 1943.


Governor of Texas

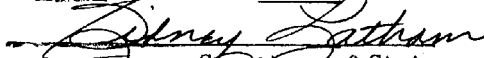
BY THE GOVERNOR:


Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE

THIS 31st DAY OF May 1943

AT 9 O'CLOCK AND 30 MINUTES a.m.


Secretary of State